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# REGULATIONS AND STATUTES,

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PRESIDENT AND GOVERNORS

# MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL,

FOR THE GOVERNMENT

OF THE

# OFFICERS, MEMBERS, PATIENTS AND SERVANTS OF THE HOSPITAL,

PASSED ON THE 6TH DAY OF APRIL, 1823. REVISED AND AMENDED AND FINALLY PASSED ON THE 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1851.

TO WHICH IS PREFIXED THE FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY; AND TO WHICH IS ADDED AN APPENDIX CON-TAINING A COPY OF THE CHARTER OF INCORPORATION, A LIST OF THE CONTRIBUTORS TO THE BUILDING, THE GOVER-NORS AND MEDICAL OFFICERS.

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# FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNORS

OF THE

# MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL,

AFTER THE RECEPTION OF THE ROYAL CHARTER OF INCORPORATION:

Embracing in substance that of the Committee appointed to superintend the building, also that of the Committee of Management, with some particulars respecting the origin of the Institution.

In laying before the Members of the Corporation, the first Annual Report of the proceedings of the Governors during the twelve months just ended, it may not be improper, for the information of some of them, to state as briefly as possible the circumstances

which led to the erection of the Hospital.

From the increase of the population of Montreal, the Hotel Dieu Nunnery was found to be inadequate to the reception of the indigent sick. This inconvenience was still further augmented by the great influx of Emigrants from the United Kingdom, some of them labouring under fevers of a contagious nature, and other diseases, that were not admissible into that Hospital. To remedy this, a subscription was made, in the year 1819, for hiring a house to serve as an Hospital. Though this was only on a small scale, the good which was effected by it was, after one year's trial, so evident, that it was deemed an object highly desirable to erect a building, which might give permanency to the establishment.

To further this design, the Hon. John Richardson, the Hon. William M'Gillivray, and Samuel Gerrard, Esquire, in the month of August, 1820, purchased on credit, (which, by a notarial deed executed by them, was declared to be in trust for this purpose,) a lot of ground in the St. Lawrence Suburbs, as a site for the intended Hospital, well adapted to the purpose, both from its proximity

to the town, and the salubrity of its situation.

A plan of the building to be erected, and an estimate of its probable expense, were ordered to be made, and laid before the Directors for their consideration. The plan submitted consisted of a centre building 76 feet by 40, capable of containing 72 pa-

tients, and, on an emergency, 80, and two wings of 70 feet by 30, to cross the centre building, and to project 15 feet on each side of it, each capable of containing nearly a like number of patients.

As funds for the erection of the whole of this building could not, even by the most sanguine, be expected to be procured, it was determined to erect, for the present, the centre building only; the expense of which, exclusive of the furnace for warming it with heated air, cupola, double windows, furniture, and out-buildings, was estimated to be £2,200. A subscription to raise this sum was therefore opened in the month of December of the above-mentioned year. By the exertions of those employed to procure subscriptions, and the liberality of the public, such a sum was subscribed by the end of the month of January, 1821, that the Directors resolved that a Committee, to consist of the Hon. John Richardson, the Rev. John Bethune, Dr. William Robertson, John Molson, David Ross, John Try, and Alexander Skakel, Esquires, should be appointed to make contracts for the execution of the work, and to superintend the building.

Those gentlemen, in consequence, entered upon the discharge of the duty committed to them. They contracted with the several workmen; and had the satisfaction to witness, on the 6th June, the corner-stone laid with masonic ceremonies, and to see the building covered by the end of the year, and fit for the reception

of patients in the month of May following.

During the progress of the work, it was deemed highly expedient to follow the method adopted in the Derbyshire Hospital in England, to warm the building by air heated by a furnace placed in the basement story. Even though no saving should arise from this method, the convenience of supplying the fuel, the cleanliness. the small risk of fire being communicated to the building, were considered a sufficient reason for its adoption, and they will be, it is hoped, an adequate compensation for the money expended in its construction. A cupola was also added, to serve as an ornament to the building, and to give light to an operation room. latter of these objects, from the distribution of the interior, could not be affected. It was found indispensably necessary to erect some out-buildings. Instead of the wooden house which formerly surrounded the ground, it was thought proper to enclose it on two sides with a stone wall, and on the front with an iron railing erected on a foundation of stone.

To give a detailed account of the money expended in completing those works, would extend this Report far beyond its duelength: an abstract only shall therefore be given. It is as follows:

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rk, and	were subscribed by Mr. Thomas Phillips, £50, allowed him for
	superintending the work, and by John Molson, Esq., was presented
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ee the	mentioned above, it is to be remembered that many additions
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mplet- ength :	This great number of indigent human beings have, in their sickness, been carefully attended, and everything in the power of human means done for their recovery. The consciousness of having contributed to alleviate the sufferings of so many fellow creatures, is alone no small return for the sum annually bestowed by each individual for the support of the Hospital. But this is not all. Several of those, according to the Physician's report

in August last, were labouring under typhus fever. By means of the Hospital, this disorder was prevented from spreading among the inhabitants. The alarm that was excited, about twenty-four years ago, by the arrival of a regiment infected with this disease, must still be in the recollection of many. In supporting the Hospital, therefore, we not only relieve the distresses of suffering humanity; but we use the best means to prevent those distresses from reaching ourselves.

The expenditure of the Hospital, taken from the Treasurer's Account, from May 1st, 1822, to		
May 1st, 1823, amounts to£1,036	1	6
From this is to be deducted, on account of debts contracted during the time of the temporary	-	
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Expenditure for the last twelve months,	6	3
Drawn from the Treasurer as above£1,036	1	6
Received from pay-patients, £ 31 4 6		
Annual subscriptions, 413 0 7		
Two old boilers, &c 6 0 0		
Sundry public collections, 127 0 0		
Sundry donations, 47 17 3		
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from May 1st, 1822, to May 1st,		_
1823,£623	12	8
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Due the Treasurer on account of the current ex-		
penses of the Hospital,£ 410	8	0
To this add the amount contracted on account of		
the building 3,688	18	0
Total debt of the Hospital,	6	10

The Legislature granted, on the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor-in-Chief, the sum of £850 towards the support of the Hospital for the year 1823. But to extinguish the debt already contracted, will demand the most strenuous and persevering exertions of the Members of the Corporation and of the friends of the Institution. An appeal must be made to the public; and an appeal to the public of Montreal, in the cause of suffering humanity, it is hoped, will never be made in vain.

Through the favourable representation and the patronage of His Excellency the Earl of Dalhousie, Governor-in-Chief, His Majesty was pleased to grant a Charter of Incorporation, under the Great Seal of the Province. This will give, not only respectability, but

permanency, to the Institution.

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This Charter, among other things, appoints that every one who has contributed to the funds of the Hospital, or who shall contribute, £5 or more, and who shall pay annually £1 or more, shall be a Member of the Corporation, and have a right to vote at the annual election of Governors. Every one who has contributed, or shall contribute, £25 or more, and who shall pay annually £3 or more, shall be a Governor for life. Every one who has contributed, or shall contribute, £10, and less than £25, and who shall pay annually £2 or more, may be elected a Governor. There chall be, for the present, of Governors annually elected, thirteen; but as soon as the Governors for life shall be less than thirteen, then a greater number of Governors shall be elected, so that the whole number of Governors, including those for life, resident in Montreal, shall not be less than twenty-six. The votes shall be in the ratio of the sum contributed, that is, one vote for every £5, so that no one have more than ten votes.

The Directors (who by the Charter are called Governors), before the patients were removed from the temporary Hospital, appointed a Committee to draw up Rules and Regulations for the better government of the Members, Officers, Servants, and Patients. These Rules, after being submitted to the Directors, were appointed by them to be the Rules and Regulations for the Hospital. These continued in force until the Charter was obtained, when another Committee was appointed to revise them, and to make such alterations in them as experience might point out, and conformity with the Charter might require. The Rules and Regulations, so revised, were laid before a meeting of the Governors duly convened for that purpose, on the 26th of April last, and, after being approved by them, were established and ordained to be the By-Laws, Regulations and Statutes of the Corporation of the Montreal General Hospital.

In conclusion, it is highly satisfactory to be able to state, both from the Reports of the Committee of Management and from the observations of the Visiting Governors, that the Medical Officers have shown the greatest zeal and assiduity in everything relating to their department; that the wards have at all times been found neat and clean, and every attention given to the comfort of the patients. The Committee of Management has sincerely endeavoured to promote the good of the Institution: how it has succeeded, it is not for the writer of this Report to decide; wherein thas failed in the discharge of the important duties devolved upon it, the candid will no doubt admit, as an excuse, its inexperience, and the difficulty attending the organizing a new institution.

All which is respecfully submitted.

AL. SKAKEL, Secretary.

Montreal General Hospital, May 6th, 1823.

# BY-LAWS, REGULATIONS,

# STATUTES.

Made, established and ordained by the President, Vice-President and Governors of the Montreal General Hospital, for the better government of the Officers, Members, Patients and Servants of the said Hospital, passed on the twenty-sixth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three.

REVISED AND AMENDED, 4TH FEBRUARY, 1851.

BE it made, established and ordained, by the authority of the President, Vice-President and Governors of the Montreal Gene ral Hospital, that the following By-Laws, Regulations and Statutes be, and they are hereby made, established and ordained to be the By-Laws, Regulations and Statutes of the said Hospital.

#### CHAPTER I.

Of the Qualifications of Members of the Corporation.

1. Every person who has contributed, or who shall hereafter contribute towards the funds of the Hospital, five pounds, Halifax currency, or more, and shall pay annually, one pound, like currency, or more, towards its support, shall become a member of the Corporation, and shall be entitled to vote at the election of Governors.

2. Every person who has contributed to the erection of the Hospital, or who shall hereafter, contribute to the funds of the Hospital, twenty-five pounds, Halifax currency, or upwards, and shall pay annually towards its support a contribution of three

pounds, like currency, shall be a Governor for life.

3. There shall be thirteen other Governors who shall be annually elected, in manner hereinafter prescribed, from among those persons who have contributed, or who shall hereafter contribute to the Institution, under twenty-five pounds, Halifax currency, and not less than ten pounds like currency, with an annual payment thereto of two pounds, or more, like currency.

4. Whensoever the number of Governors for life, resident at Montreal, shall be under thirteen, then such an addition shall be made to the number, so to be elected Governors, as to make the whole number thereof (those so resident inclusive) twenty-six.

5. No new contributor shall have a right to vote at any election of Governors, unless he shall have paid his contribution or donation at least three months previous to the said election.

#### CHAPTER II.

#### Of the Election of Governors.

1. Notice of the hour and place of meeting for the election of Governors, shall be given by the Secretary in one or more of the newspapers published in Montreal, at least seven days previous to such meeting.

2. The votes shall be given in the ratio of the contributions, (that is, one vote for every five pounds contributed, provided that

no person shall, in any case, have more than ten votes.)

3. The annual election of Governors shall be held on the first Tuesday of May, in each and every year, in the Committee Room of the Hospital, at two o'clock, P. M., and continued until three o'clock, P. M., of the same day; at which two Governors for the preceding year shall be appointed to inspect the ballots: and every person voting at said election shall personally and then and there appear, and deliver to the aforesaid Inspectors a ballot containing the names of thirteen persons, or more, as the case may be, as Governors for the ensuing year; and the Inspectors shall deposit in a bag all ballots, so delivered, and shall insert the names of the persons so voting in a poll-list kept by them for the purpose; and when the poll of such election shall be closed, the Inspectors shall open and count the said ballots, and shall openly declare to the meeting the names of the persons who shall be found to have been elected by the majority of the votes and shall deliver a certificate thereof to the Secretary who shall forthwith communicate the same to the persons so elected.

4. The Secretary for the preceding year shall, immediately after the election, give notice in writing to the Governors elected, and to the Governors for life, requiring them to meet on the Tuesday next ensuing, to choose a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Committee of Management, and Medical

Officers, for the ensuing year.

5. The Governors elected shall declare, either at their first meeting after their election, or by letter addressed to the Secretary, at least one day previous to such meeting, whether or not they are willing to act in their office, otherwise their election shall be void.

6. In case the number of Governors shall at any time, by death, resignation, absence, neglect of duty, or refusal to act in their office be less than thirteen: or in case, by any of those causes,

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the whole number of Governors shall be less than twenty-six, the deficiency shall be made up, within thirty days after such vacancy, by the vote of the Governors for the time being, at a meeting to be convened for the purpose.

#### CHAPTER III.

#### Of the Governors.

1. A quarterly meeting of the Governors shall be held in the Committee Room of the Hospital, on the first Tuesday in August, on the first Tuesday in November, on the first Tuesday in February, and on the last Tuesday in April, in each and every

year, at two o'clock, P. M.

2. The Governors for life, together with those elected, shall choose by ballot, out of their number, on the second Tuesday in May, in each and every year, one President and one Vice-President: and out of their number or otherwise, one Secretary and one Treasurer; and also out of their number, they shall nominate and appoint by vote, a Committee of Management, consisting of five, of whom three, including their Chairman, shall be a quorum; all of whom shall remain in office one year from the date of their appointment.

3. Every President, Vice-President, Governor, Treasurer and Secretary of the Corporation, shall, as soon as convenient after their election, and before they act in their respective offices, take the oath hereinafter prescribed, to be to them administered by the President or Vice-President for the time being or for the preceding year, for the faithful and due execution of the duties of their respective offices during their continuance in the same.

# Form of the Oath.

I do swear, that I will faithfully and duly execute the office of the Corporation of the Montreal General Hospital, during my continuance in the same, according

to the best of my ability, so help me God.

4. The Governors, at their meeting on the second Tuesday in May in each and every year, shall elect, by vote and not by ballot, eight Medical Officers, to be the attending Physicians for the year, which election shall be conducted in the following manner, viz: the President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, shall openly propose the names of eight Medical Officers, whose election shall be decided by the majority of the votes of those present.

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5. The President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, shall and may, or at the request of two Governors, summon and call together (by letter, from the Secretary, at the Committee Room of the Hospital, at any time to be appointed by him) the Governors of the Corporation for the time being, giving them at least one day's notice thereof and intimating the purpose of the meeting.

6. Seven or more Governors, convened according to the By-Laws of the Corporation, of whom the President or Vice-President shall be one, shall constitute a legal meeting of said Corporation and shall be competent to transact all business relative to the said Corporation in as far as they are authorized by the Charter.

7. The Governors shall have power, at any quarterly or extraordinary meeting to appoint by ballot or otherwise, such Officer or Officers, and fix their salaries, as they may at any time find necessary for the management of the Hospital.

8. They shall also appoint a Steward, and a Matron or House-keeper, and fix their salaries, who shall respectively remain in office as long as they continue to discharge properly the duties thereof.

9. Two of the Governors shall, in rotation, visit the Hospital at least twice a week, and shall enter their names in a book with such observations relating to the Institution as they shall think necessary.

10. If any Officer, the Steward or the Matron, shall at any time become unfit to perform the duties of his or her office, or shall misdemean himself, or herself, in his or her office, it shall be the duty of any Governor or Officer of the Corporation acquiring a knowledge thereof, to make known the same to the Committee of Management, who shall have power to suspend the Steward or the Matron from the exercise of his or her office, if they think proper, until a meeting of Governors can be obtained, with as little delay as possible; to take cognizance of the charge or charges which may be brought against them, or either of them, and in case of complaint against any Governor or Officer, they shall examine into the case and report thereon to the President, or in his absence, to the Vice-President. And in default of attention thereto, by the Committee of Management, the Governor or Officer aforesaid, shall lay his complaint before the President, or in his absence the Vice-President, who shall cause the Secretary to summon a meeting of Governors, at a time to be appointed by him, and to give notice to the party or parties complained of, with a copy of the charge or complaint, and to the party or parties complaining: and the Governors shall, at such meeting, after hearing both parties, remove by ballot or otherwise, if they find sufficient cause, the person or persons complained of.

#### CHAPTER IV.

#### Of the President and Vice-President.

1. The President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings of the Governors of the Corporation.

2. At all meetings of the Governors every person shall, in speaking, stand up and address himself to the President, who shall propose all questions; and if a difference of opinion shall arise on any question, such question shall be fairly stated by the President and shall then be determined by ballot (if two of the Governors require it;) and if in any case the votes be equal, the President shall have the casting vote.

3. The President shall not refuse to propose any question nor shall he dissolve or adjourn any meeting without the consent of a majority of the said meeting until the business thereof be

finished.

#### CHAPTER V.

# Of the Treasurer.

1. The Treasurer shall give such security as may be required by the Governors for the due accounting for, and payment of the moneys which he shall from time to time receive for the use of the Hospital.

2. He shall have the custody of all bonds, title deeds, documents and other papers relating to the property of the Corpora-

tion.

- 3. He shall also receive all moneys belonging to the Corporation, and pay out the whole or any part thereof, on receipt of a written order from the Committee of Management, but not otherwise.
- 4. He shall deliver to the Secretary, three days at least previous to the general Annual Meeting held on the first Tuesday of May, in each and every year, a full statement of all his accounts, with the vouchers for the preceding year to be laid before the said meeting.

No moneys extorted under the pretext of Charivaris shall be received.

#### CHAPTER VI.

# Of the Secretary.

1. The Secretary shall attend at all meetings of the Governors, take minutes of the proceedings of each meeting, and transcribe the same into a book.

2. He shall at each meeting of the Governors read the proceedings of the last meeting.

3. Through him all communications, of whatsoever nature, shall be made to the Governors, and by him from the said Governors to the public, or any department of the Hospital.

4. He shall immediately after the election of the Governors or other Officers of the Hospital, give notice thereof in writing to the different persons so elected.

5. He shall furnish to the Governors at their Annual Meeting,

a report of their proceedings during the past year.

7. One day previous to each and every meeting of the Governors, it shall be his duty to send notice of the time and place of such meeting to each Governor, stating the purpose of the meeting.

8. If an extraordinary meeting be appointed to consider of any charge or complaint preferred against any Governor or Officer, or the Steward or the Matron, he shall give notice thereof in writing with a copy of the said charge or complaint to the party or parties complained of, and to the party or parties complaining.

9. He shall, seven days before any election of Governors, hang up a notice in the Committee Room of the Hospital, and shall state therein the names of the persons qualified to be elected, as well as those who are qualified to be the electors.

10. He shall keep the necessary books for entering all the

transactions of the Governors.

11. On the first Tuesday of April, in each and every year, the Secretary shall send the following monitory letter to each and every person, whose subscription shall then be in arrear:

#### Montreal General Hospital, day of 185

Sir,—I am to acquaint you that it appears by the Collector's list that your subscription of , has not been paid for the present year; it is therefore the request of the Governors that you will please to pay the same to

, our Collector for your district of the City and excuse this application which is only meant to inform you that your subscription is now in arrear, as is usually done by other Hospitals in like cases.

By order of the Governors,

12. The Secretary shall lay on the table, in the Committee Room, at every meeting of Governors, the journal or minutes of their proceedings, the case book of the Medical Board, if there be one, the book containing the minutes of the visiting Governors, and any other document relating to the affairs of the Corporation which they may require.

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#### CHAPTER VII.

#### Of the Committee of Management.

1. They shall, at their first meeting after their appointment,

elect, by vote, a Chairman and a Secretary.

2. The Committee of Management shall meet at the Hospital at least once a week, and shall have power, and it shall be their duty to inquire strictly into the domestic economy of the house; to order all things necessary for the same; to inquire into the conduct of the Governors, Officers, Matrons, Stewards and Servants of the Hospital, and report thereon to the President as prescribed by these By-laws; to order all repairs; to oversee and control (as far as they have authority for the same by the By-laws,) every thing connected with the management of the Hospital; to audit, inspect, and approve all accounts, and to order payment of the same; and to report through the Secretary of the Corporation, a statement of all their transactions, to each quarterly meeting of the Governors.

3. They shall have the general charge and care of the property of the Corporation and shall enforce all necessary attention to econ-

omy, cleanliness, and good conduct.

4. They shall at their meetings make minutes of their proceedings which they shall forthwith cause their Secretary to transcribe into a book.

They shall have the power and it shall be their duty to engage and discharge all servants of the Hospital, and fix their

wages.

6. The Committee of Management, shall at each quarterly meeting of the Governors, report the state of the Hospital and the state and the number of patients admitted and discharged during the

preceding quarter.

7. They shall insert or cause to be inserted in a book, to be provided for the purpose, all orders to the Steward for the purchase of the stores, and which orders must be signed by the Chairman.

8. They shall lay on the table in the Committee Room, at every meeting of the Governors, the book containing the minutes of their proceedings.

#### CHAPTER VIII.

# Of the Steward.

1. The Steward shall purchase, under the direction of the Committee of Management, fuel, provisions, and all other stores for the use of the Hospital, except Medicines and Medical Stores, and shall be accountable for the same.

2. He shall keep in books, provided for that purpose, an account of all stores brought into the Hospital—and shall not deliver any stores under his charge, unless on a requisition from the Matron,

entered by her in a book provided for the purpose.

3. He shall keep pass books into which shall be entered all articles purchased from those tradesmen with whom the Committee of Management may open accounts; and for all other articles, he shall obtain bills of parcels; all of which he shall lay before the Committee of Management at each of their meetings.

4. He shall keep an account of the moneys due by the pay-

patients, and collect the same.

5. He shall present to the Committee of Management, every three months, or oftener, if required, a statement of his accounts and shall show his books when required.

6. He shall give timely notice, in writing, to the Committee of Management, when any of the stores are nearly expended.

7. He shall immediately on the admission of a patient, take an inventory, in a book to be kept for that purpose, of his or her clothes and other effects—shall order the clothes to be purified, if necessary—and shall be accountable for the safe delivery of the same to the patient on leaving the Hospital, or in case of death, to any person whom the Committee of Management shall authorise to receive the same. Provided, that if the clothes of any patient be in such a state as to render it necessary that they should be burned, it shall be done, if sanctioned by the attending Medical Officer.

8. He shall keep, in a book for the purpose, an account of the servants' time and wages, and pay the same when ordered by the Committee of Management.

9. It shall be his duty to take care that every part of the pre-

mises, without the Hospital, be kept in proper order.

10. He shall keep the keys of the outer doors and gates, and lock them at 10 o'clock, P. M., and open them at 6, A. M., from the first of May to the first of November, and lock them at 8, P. M., and open them at 7, A. M., during the rest of the year; unless ordered otherwise by the Committee of Management, or in case of emergency, for the service of the patients.

11. He shall report, to the Committee of Management, any

misconduct or irregularity that may come under his notice.

He shall write the minutes, &c., of the Committee of Management when required.

13. He shall harg up in the Hall of the Hospital, the names of the weekly visiting Governors, and shall on the Saturday preceding their week of attendance, give them notice thereof by letter.

14. He shall lay his books of accounts on the table in the Committee Room at all meetings of the Governors.

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16. He shall give reasonable security to the Governors for

his fidelity.

17. He shall not absent himself from the Hospital, except on

duty, without the permission of the House Surgeon.

18. When any patient shall wish it, the Steward shall send immediately, in writing, for such Clergyman as the patient may desire.

#### CHAPTER IX.

#### Of the Medical Board.

1. The Medical Board of the Montreal General Hospital shall consist of the consulting and attending Physicians and Surgeons.

2. The number of the attending Medical Officers shall be eight, who shall make such arrangements among themselves, that the Hospital be visited once every day at least by two of them.

- 3. No person shall be eligible to the office of attending Physician or Surgeon, who is not a Graduate of a University or College in the British dominions, or a Licentiate or Member of a College of Physicians or Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland, or other in the British dominions, of at least three years standing, and who is, moreover, not licensed to practice in this Province.
- 4. Any attending Physician or Surgeon may, after having acted in that capacity for *twelve* years, become a consulting Physician or Surgeon of the Institution.

5. The visiting hour for the attending Medical Officers shall be 12 o'clock (noon) of each and every day, Sundays excepted.

6. Should any one of the Medical Officers be unable from illness, or intended absence from town, to fulfil the duties of his office, he shall obtain the assistance of some other of the Physicians or Surgeons for the time being.

7. In all surgical cases requiring operations (except in emergencies where delay might be dangerous) and in medical cases when desired, a consultation of the whole Medical Board of the Hospital shall be summoned.

8. The attending Medical Officers shall have full power, at all

times, to visit and examine the Apothecary's shop.

9. It shall be the duty of the Medical Board, to examine all candidates for the situation of House Surgeon and Apothecary.

10. The Medical Board shall communicate to the Governors, in writing, through their Secretary, their opinion of the candidate.

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12. The attending Medical Officers shall alone have the power to admit and discharge any patient; except in cases of severe injuries, where the House Surgeon shall admit at any hour of the day or night, without recommendatory letters.

13. The Medical Board shall regulate the diet of the patients.

14. The attending Medical Officers shall have the power to name and appoint their own Dressers and Clerks from among the Students.

15. That for the purposes of Pathological investigation, the attending Medical Officers of the Hospital shall have the power of examining, post mortem, the bodies of patients deceased within it, at their discretion; and such examination shall only be made in the presence or by the order of the same.

#### CHAPTER X.

# Of the House Surgeon.

1. No person shall be eligible as House Surgeon, unless he be a Graduate or Licentiate of some University or College in the British dominions, and a Licentiate of this Province; and further, unless he submit to the Governors, satisfactory testimonials of his moral character, and of his having been approved of by the Medical Board and having attained the age of 21 years.

2. The House Surgeon shall visit all the occupied wards in the Hospital at least once every morning and evening and oftener when required so .o do by the attending Medical Officer; he shall also be prepared to report to the attending Medical Officers, the state of the patients since the last visit.

3. In any case of an urgent nature, the House Surgeon shall immediately summon the attending Medical Officer, and if he cannot be found, he shall call upon the nearest Member of the Medical Board.

4. He shall not absent himself from the Hospital during the visits of the attending Medical Officers, and when at any time he goes out, he must leave word where he is to be found during his absence.

5. He must always be in the Hospital at a seasonable hour in the evening, and never sleep out of the building, unless with the permission of one of the attending Physicians.

6. He shall have charge of all the surgical instruments belonging to the Hospital, and shall be responsible for the same; he shall also superintend the making up of all tinetures, pills, preparations, &c., &c., required to be kept on hands, and shall make

up all prescriptions ordered for patients in his own particular

7. He shall insert in the case book under his charge, an account of all operations performed in the Hospital, and by whom performed. He shall be responsible for the affixing of the names, and other particulars of all the patients at their bed's head, and he shall enter in the register of patients the name, sex, age, religion, country, place of residence, disease, and time of admission of every patient received into the Hospital; also the name of the person by whom the patient has been recommended, whether a pauper or a pay-patient, and the rate per week; and the time and the manner in which every patient leaves the Hospital.

8. It shall be his duty to notify the Members of the Medical

Board whenever a consultation is required.

9. He shall draw up a quarterly report of the state and number of patients admitted and discharged previously to the meetings of the Governors, and the Committee of Management.

10. It shall be his study to certify the regular attendance of

each student of the Hospital.

11. He shall notify the Steward of the dismissal of all patients.

12. In all cases when it becomes necessary to notify the Coroner of the sudden death of any individual within the precincts of the Hospital, it shall be the duty of the House Surgeon to give such notice, and on the holding of the inquest, he shall be the Medical Officer referred to for information by that functionary, and the Jury summoned by him, and shall be entitled to the fees paid by the Coroner in such cases.

#### CHAPTER XI.

# Of the Apothecary.

1. No person shall be eligible as Apothecary, until he shall have laid before the Governors satisfactory proofs of moral character, and of his having been examined and approved of by the Medical Board.

2. He shall compound, and make up, under the superintendence of the House Surgeon, all the Medicines required to be kept on hand; he shall take charge of such wards as are assigned to

him by the attending Medical Officer.

3. He shall visit these at least once every morning and evening, and oftener, when required so to do by the attending Medical Officer; and in the event of his observing any great or sudden change in any of the patients in his ward, he shall immediately notify the House Surgeon to that effect.

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5. He shall deliver to the nurses of his wards, the different Medicines, &c., ordered for the patients of each, the directions for which shall be legibly written or printed, and affixed upon each phial, box or parcel.

#### CHAPTER XII.

### Of the Students attending the Hospital.

1. No student who has not previously taken a ticket for attendance in the Hospital, shall on any pretence whatever, be allowed to witness any operation or dissection or to attend the Clinical Lectures.

2. The fee for a Student's annual

 Ticket shall be
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3. Students following the attending Medical Officers during the visits, are to behave with decency and propriety, keeping their hats off at all times, and they must avoid doing any thing that may tend to disturb physicians, clerks or patients.

4. Every Student must keep off his hat, while he is in the operating Theatre, both that he may not obstruct the view of others, and as a mark of respect, and all noise and changing of seats must be avoided, as unpleasant to the operator, and hurtful to the

5. Students when visiting the wards are on no account to offer any advice, or express any opinions unless when requested so to do by the attending Medical Officer.

6. No Student shall enter the wards at any time, except the visiting hour, unless by permission of the attending Medical Officer.

7. Any Student infringing any of the above regulations shall forfeit the benefit of his ticket and the privilege of attending the Hospital.

#### CHAPTER XIII.

# Of the Matron.

1. The Matron shall visit the wards of the Hospital every morning at eight, every afternoon at one, and every evening at eight o'clock, and oftener if necessary; at these visits she shall see that the wards are properly attended by the Nurses, and that all the patients are in their respective wards, and report to

the House Surgeon the names of such patients as are absent

without leave from their respective wards.

2. She shall oversee the conduct of the patients and servants and take care that the wards, apartments, beds, clothes, linen, &c., are kept clean and in good order.

3. She shall have charge of all the furniture, beds, bedding, and dresses belonging to the Hospital, as far as regards her

department.

4. She shall report any misconduct of the patients or servants or any other irregularity occurring in the house, to the attending Physician or Surgeon; or in his absence to the House Surgeon, and to the Committee of Management.

5. She shall prevent anything being taken into the wards

except that which is ordered.

6. She shall not admit any person or persons to see any patient or patients, except at the hours appointed by the Medical Board

of the Hospital.

7. She shall superintend the preparing of the diet of the patients and be particular that the same diet, in the quantity, and at the time prescribed, be given and nothing else; she shall also keep a diet list, with the number of patients on each diet.

8. She shall not absent herself from the Hospital without the

leave of the House Surgeon.

#### CHAPTER XIV.

# Of the Nurses.

1. When a patient is admitted into the Hospital, the Nurse of the ward, to which such patient may be ordered, shall immediately wash his or her face and hands, neck and arms, feet and legs, with tepid water; she shall give him or her (if he or she have none) an Hospital shirt and night cap, and shall deliver without delay, his or her clothes, after an inventory of them has been taken, to the person ordered by the Steward to receive them.

2. The Nurse shall, at the next visit, state to the attending Physician or Surgeon such circumstance or circumstances as may tend to throw light on the case, and shall be ready to do

the same if required, at each succeeding visit.

3. In the event of any patient being seized with violent or alarming symptoms she shall give immediate notice thereof to the House Surgeon or Apothecary.

4. The Nurses when ordered by the Matron, shall change

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5. She shall receive no medicines sent from the Apothecary's shop to the wards unless labelled and directed.

6. When a death occurs, the Nurse of the ward shall imme-

diately give information to the Steward.

7. They shall clean their respective wards, &c., at 8, A. M., from the first of May to the first of November, and at 9, A. M., the remainder of the year.

8. The Nurses shall be diligent in complying with the orders of the Medical Officers, Surgeon and Matron, and they shall behave

with tenderness to the patients.

9. They shall pay particular attention to the patients, and as often as necessary supply them with the drink prescribed, and assist them when they are unable to assist themselves, and when they are able shall place the vessel or vessels containing their drink, commodiously within their reach, and take care that they never remain empty.

10. They shall see that the patients take their medicines as

prescribed.

11. They shall never, on any account, allow any thing to be brought into the wards, or given to the patients, except that which is ordered.

12. They shall give immediate notice to the attending Physician or Surgeon, or in his absence to the House Surgeon, or to the Matron, when any patient or patients shall have violated any of the By-laws of the Hospital.

13. They shall always keep themselves clean and decently

clothed.

#### CHAPTER XV.

# Of the Admission of Patients.

1. Every Governor and Medical Officer of the Hospital, and the Clergymen belonging to the congregations of this city, may recommend patients to be admitted into the Hospital, in the manner and form hereinafter prescribed; but it shall be the exclusive prerogative of the attending Physician or Surgeon, as the case may be, to judge if the person so recommended be labouring under such disease as is admissible into the Hospital, according to the By-laws of the Corporation.

2. In any urgent case, when delay may be dangerous, the House Physician or Surgeon shall have power to admit patients, and he shall immediately give information of the same to the attending Physician or Surgeon, as the case may be, or if he cannot be found, to any other of the Medical Board of the Hos-

pital.

3. No patient shall be admitted into the Hospital whose case shall be considered incurable, or who is insane, nor whose case does not require the particular benefit of in-door practice.

4. No woman in advanced pregnancy, shall be admitted as an

in-door patient.

No children under six years of age, except in cases where the greater operations are to be performed, shall be admitted into

the Hospital.

6. Such patients as are unable to pay for their maintenance shall be received as paupers, such as are able to pay, shall be admitted into the Hospital as pay-patients and none of these at less than five shillings per week, for the payment of which the person recommending such patient shall be responsible.

7. The person recommending any patient or patients shall mention, in the certificate for admission, if the patient or patients be paupers, and if not, the sum they are to pay per week.

- 8. No patient shall be admitted into the Hospital as a pauper, excepting emigrants from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or other indigent persons passing through the town, who do not reside in the city or parish of Montreal, and the person or persons who shall recommend any patient or patients, who do not reside in the city or parish aforesaid, shall become responsible for the payment of the Hospital dues for such patient or patients, which shall not be less than seven shillings per week; and in case of his or her death, he shall also be bound to defray the expenses of the funeral, which shall not exceed twenty-two shillings and sixpence; but as special cases may occur when a deviation from this By-law may be necessary, the Committee of Management are authorized to dispense with it in such cases, and shall report the same to the Governors at their next meeting. Seamen presenting themselves for admission with a recommendation from the Commanding Officer, shall be admitted, so long as the Statute William IV., especially Section 2, Chapter 35, shall remain in force.
- 9. A male and a female ward shall be devoted to lock-ward cases. Patients shall not be admitted into the lock-wards as paupers, but each and every lock-ward patient shall pay seven shillings per week; and if it be not specified on the ticket of admission that he or she be a lock-ward patient, then the attending Medical Officer shall send back such patients to the person recommending, with the words "Lock-ward" written on the ticket; and if the person recommending shall renew his recommendation, he shall then be responsible for the payment of the Hospital dues for such patient. No Lock-ward patient shall be admitted into the common wards.
- 10. Two beds (one in the men's and one in the women's wards) shall be kept in reserve to receive such patients as may, from sudden accident, be in need of immediate relief.

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11. The applicants for admission shall attend at the place appointed for that purpose, in the Hospital, at any time from eleven o'clock, A. M., till one o'clock, P. M.

# Form of Certificate for the Admission of Paupers.

Montreal,

day of

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Sir,—I recommend
who has resided in the parish of for to
be admitted into the Montreal General Hospital as a pauper,
if be thought a fit object for admission.
To the attending Medical

Officer of the Montreal General Hospital.

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### Form of Certificate for Admission of Pay-Patients.

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To the attending Medical
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### CHAPTER XVI.

# Of the Patients.

1. No patient shall smoke in the house or on the galleries, make use of obscene or profane language, nor leave the ward in which he or she shall have been placed, without permission from the attending Physician or House Surgeon, or unless required by him to give assistance.

2. The patients shall not play at cards or dice; or any other game.

3. They shall conduct themselves with due respect to the Matron, Nurses and Servants of the Hospital.

4. No male patient, under any pretence whatsoever, shall enter the apartments or wards for females, unless required by the Physician to give assistance, nor shall a female patient enter the apartments or wards for males. 5. No patients shall allow their friends to bring to them nor shall they use, any thing whatsoever, except the diet prescribed, without permission from the attending Physician or Surgeon.

6. Every patient shall retire to bed at nine, P. M., from the first of May to the first of November; at eight, P. M., from the first of November to the first of May; and those who are able shall rise at seven, A. M., during summer, and at eight, A. M., during winter.

7. Such patients as shall be considered able, shall assist the Nurses and other servants of the Hospital in nursing the patients, making the beds, cleaning the wards, and doing such other work as the attending Physician or Surgeon may direct. Any patient or patients not conforming to the By-laws of the Corporation, shall incur the penalty of expulsion.

8. When any patient is discharged from the Hospital for irregular conduct, the Steward shall give notice thereof by letter, in the form and manner following, to the person who shall have

recommended such patient:

# MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL,

day of

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Sir,—I am directed to inform you that A. B., recommended by you, has this day been discharged from the Hospital, for irregular conduct, by Dr. , attending

Steward.

9. The body of any patient dying in the Hospital, shall not be removed for interment until twenty-four hours in summer, and thirty-six in winter, shall have elapsed after the death of the patient, without a written permission from either the attending Medical Officer or House Surgeon.

#### CHAPTER XVII.

# Of the Out-Patients.

1. They shall attend in the place at the hour appointed by the Medical Board, for giving advice and medicines to the poor, gratis; and if any of them neglect to attend twice in succession, without leave from the attending Physician or Surgeon, he or she shall not be entitled to any further advice or medicine.

2. The names of the out-patients shall be entered in a book kept for the purpose, with their age, complaint, religious per-

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3. Medicines and advice will be given to the poor, at every visit of the attending Physician or Surgeon. All out-patients shall provide their own phials.

4. No out-patient shall loiter about the Hospital gate, or premises adjoining; they shall come directly to the place appointed to receive them, and as soon as they have received the advice and medicines, which may be considered necessary for them, they shall immediately leave the Hospital.

5. Any out-patient or patients who shall violate any of the rules or regulations of the Hospital, shall incur the penalty of dismissal.

#### CHAPTER XVIII.

#### Of Vaccination.

1. On any of the days appointed by the Medical Board for inoculating the poor, gratis, any person or persons, without the recommendation required for the admission of patients to the Hospital, may present their children for inoculation.

2. The person or persons who shall inoculate any children or other persons, on any of the above stated days, shall register in a book belonging to the Hospital, kept for that purpose, the name, age, sex, and religion of each and every individual so inoculated, the part of the body on which the inoculation has been performed, the date, progress and termination of each and every case.

3. Each and every person bringing a child or children for vaccination, shall deposit two shillings and sixpence as a pledge of returning once at least with the child or children on a day fixed by the inoculator, that the appearance may be noted; non-compliance with this rule will incur the forfeiture of the deposit, but upon due compliance with it, it will be returned.

#### CHAPTER XIX.

# Of the Penalty of Receiving any Fee or Reward.

1. No Governor, Officer, or other person connected with the Montreal General Hospital, shall at any time presume, under any pretence whatever, on pain of expulsion, to give to, or take from any tradesman, patient, servant, or any other person, or persons, any fee, reward or gratuity of whatever kind, directly or indirectly.

for any services done, or to be done, or proposed to be done on account of, or relative to the said Hospital, except in the case of Physicians to the Institution, who, for the accommodation of their private patients, may bring them into the pay-wards of the Reid's Wing, when it does not interfere with the objects of the Institution.

#### CHAPTER XX.

When a pauper dies in the Hospital, (if the body be interred,) the Steward shall give notice thereof to the Clergyman to whose congregation or church he or she may belong; and the Porter shall, if necessary, assist the Sexton at the interment. Emigrant paupers of less than twelve months' residence in the country, who die in the Hospital, shall have their funerals defrayed from the money received from the Emigrant funds. With regard to other paupers, the Committee of Management are authorized to request the different religious communities to which they may have belonged, to provide for the funerals of such, unless the bodies are otherwise disposed of by law.

If any vacancy, either Medical or otherwise, occur at any time in the Hospital, said vacancy shall be filled up at the ensuing quar-

terly meeting of the Governors.

#### CHAPTER XXI.

Of Altering, Repealing and Making Regulations and Statutes.

No additional By-law, Regulation or Statutes, shall hereafter be made, nor shall any of those already existing be in any way altered or repealed, except a special motion for such alteration, repeal, &c., be made and received at one of the quarterly meetings of the Governors, and passed at the next quarterly meeting.

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GEORGE the FOURTH, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith.

To all to whom these Presents shall come, GREETING:

WHEREAS our loving subjects, John Richardson, William McGillivary, and Samuel Gerrard, Esquires, of our City of Montreal, by their humble Petition presented woun return of Right Trusty and Right Well Beloved Cousin, George, John Richardson, Earl of Dalhousie, our Captain-General and Governor-William McGillivray. in-chief in and over Our Province of Lower Canada, and Samuel and read in Council for the said Province, on the ninth Gerrard, day of April, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two, did, among other things in substance set forth that there had been a subscription set on foot by them for the purpose of erecting a General Hospital in our said City of Montreal; and that sundry public spirited persons, influenced by principles of benevolence, have liberally subscribed towards the same; that, from the manifest utility of such an Hospital, further contributions and donations may be expected, if there be an assurance of permanency to the Institution, and means provided for the management of its concerns; that very considerable progress has been made towards the object in contemplation, by the purchase of a spacious lot of ground in a central situation, in the Saint Lawrence Suburbs of the said City, whereon is erecting a large building, for the body or centre part of the said Hospital, and susceptible of extension hereafter by wings upon a regular plan, which building is now in a state of advancement towards completion, that promises eventual success if a Charter of Incorporation be obtained; and, therefore, the Petitioners humbly prayed for Our Letters Patent forming a Corporation for the purposes aforesaid: NOW WE taking into our Royal consideration, the beneficial tendency of such an Institution, within our which, in said City, calculated for relieving the distresses of the consideraindigent, and preserving the lives of many useful mem-beneficial bers of the community, are graciously pleased to grant tendency, is the said humble request of our said loving subjects: KNOW YE, therefore, that We, of our especial grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, have willed, given, granted, ordained, constituted and appointed, and, by granted. these presents, for Us, our Heirs and Successors, do will, give, grant, ordain, constitute, and appoint, that Thomas Members of Naters, John Molson, John Richardson, William NcGil- the Corpo-

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Isaac Jones, Nathaniel Jones, Nicholas Kurczyn, and all such other persons who have contributed, or shall hereafter contribute to the Institution, by a donation respectively of five pounds, current money of the Province of Lower Canada, or upwards of five pounds, and who what conshall regularly continue to pay annually towards its sup-tribution port not less than one pound of such money, shall be and tute: become members of the Society and Corporation hereby Member. erected, and forever hereafter shall, by virtue of these presents, be one Body Politic and Corporate, in deed, And incorfact and name forever; and We will, give, grant and porated. ordain, that they and their successors, "The Society of Name. the Montreal General Hospital," by the same name shall and may have perpetual succession, and shall and may To have by the same name, be persons capable in the law to sue perpetual and he swell impled and he swell impled and he swell impled to the swell implementation to the swell impl and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be Capable to answered unto, defend and be defended, in all Courts sue and be sued, and elsewhere, in all manner of actions, suits, complaints, pleas, causes, matters and demands whatsoever, as fully and amply as any other of Our liege Subjects of Our Province of Lower Canada may or can do by any lawful ways and means whatsoever; and that they and their successors, by the same name, shall forever hereafter be persons capable and able in the law to purchase, take, To hold eshold, receive and enjoy to them and their successors any tates, messuages, tenements and real estate whatsoever, and all other hereditaments of whatsoever quality they be, in fee simple, for term of life or lives, or in any other manner howsoever; and also any goods, chattels and personal estate whatsoever; provided always, that the provided the clear yearly value of the said real estate doth not, at any clear yearly value does time, exceed the sum of one thousand pounds lawful not exceed money of our Province of Lower Canada, above all out-rency. goings, and reprise, and that they and their successors, by the same name, shall have full power and authority To lease and to give, grant, sell, lease, demise and dispose of the said sell estates. real estate and hereditaments whatsoever, for life, or lives, or years, or forever; and also all goods, chattels and personal estate whatsoever, at their will and pleasure, as they shall judge to be most beneficial and advantageous for the good and charitable ends and purposes above mentioned; and that it shall and may be lawful for them To have a and their successors, forever hereafter, to have a Com- seal. mon Scal to serve for the causes and business of them and their successors; and the same seal to change, alter, break and make new, from time to time, at their will and pleasure; and our Royal will and pleasure is, The Corpothat, when our said Corporation hereby erected, shall, ration shall, complete

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by the generous donations of the benevolent, or otherwise, have sufficient funds, they shall complete the present building and offices, erecting in the said Saint Lawrence Suburbs for the said Hospital, and shall extend the same by wings, or otherwise, so as to render the said General Hospital in all respects as perfect as may be, for the purposes of the Institution, which We will shall forever hereafter be called "The Montreal General Hospital;" and that it shall and may be lawful for our said Corporation, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, to erect, for their use and convenience. any other house, houses or buildings whatsoever; but not for other purposes than those of the said Hospital; and for the better carrying into execution the purposes aforesaid, our royal Will and pleasure is, and We do hereby for Us, our Heirs and successors, give and grant to "The Society of the Montreal General Hospital," and their successors forever, that there shall be forever hereafter, belonging to our said Corporation, as many Governors for life of the said Hospital, as there shall be persons who have contributed, or shall contribute thereto, by donation respectively, twenty-five pounds, or upwards, lawful money of our said Province, with an annual payment each of three pounds, or more, like money; and there shall be thirteen other Governors thereof, who shall be annually elected, in manner hereinafter prescribed, from among those persons who have contributed, or shall contribute to the Institution, under twenty-five pounds, money above said, and not less than ten pounds, with an annual payment thereto of two pounds. or more, like money, which persons so contributing, and paying, are hereby declared qualified to be elected Governors; which Governors for life, and those so elected. shall appoint, out of their number, one President and one Vice-President; and also, out of their number, or A Treasurer otherwise, one Treasurer and one Secretary, and shall conduct and manage the affairs and business of the said Hospital and Corporation for the ensuing year, in manner as hereafter is declared and appointed; and for the more immediately carrying into execution our Royal First Gover, will and pleasure herein, We do hereby assign, constitute and appoint the aforesaid Thomas Naters, John Molson, John Richardson, William McGillivray, Samuel Gerrard, John Forsyth, Frederick William Ermatinger, David Ross, Thomas Phillips, Thomas Torrance, John Try, George Garden, George Auldjo, Thomas Thain, Robert Gellespie, Benaiah Gibb, John Molson the younger, Thomas Molson, William Molson,

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Isaac W. Clark, Alexander Skakel, Daniel Fisher, Henry McKenzie, Charles W. Grant, Archibald N. McLeod, John Torrance, Joseph Chapman, Thomas McCord, James Reid, Angus Shaw, James Leslie and George Moffatt, to be the present Governors of the said Hospital and Corporation, whereof the aforesaid John First Pre-Richardson to be the President, and the aforesaid John Fresident, Molson to be the present Vice-President, the aforesaid Treasurer, Samuel Gerrard to be the present Treasurer, and the tary, named, aforesaid Alexander Skakel to be the present Secretary who remain of our said Corporation, hereby erected; which said President, Vice-President, Governors, Treasurer and Secretary, shall hold, possess, and enjoy their said respective offices, until the first Tuesday in May next, the 1st Tuesensuing, when the same shall cease and determine, as to day in May, 1823. this appointment; but continue, as to those aforesaid, who are created Governors for life; and for keeping up And for the succession in the said offices, our Royal will and keeping up a pleasure is, and We do, hereby, for Us, our Heirs, and the Society Successors, establish, direct, and require of, and give is to meet for the cleaand grant to the said Society of the Montreal General tion of Offi-Hospital, and their Successors forever, that on the said first Tuesday first Tuesday in May now next ensuing, and yearly, and in May anevery year forever thereafter, on the same day, (where-of which of public notice of the hour, and place of meeting, shall notice to the be given in one or more of the Newspapers published in newspapers Montreal, at least seven days before,) they and their seven days; successors, the Members of the said Hospital and Corporation, contributing and paying as aforesaid, shall meet at the said Hospital, or at some other convenient place, in our said City of Montreal, to be fixed and ascertained by some of the By-laws or Regulations of our said Corporation, and there by the majority of such of them as shall so meet, reckoning their votes in the ratio the votes to of the contributions actually paid; but so as that no be in the ratio of the member of the Society or Corporation shall have more contributhan ten votes, shall by ballot, or in such other manner by bollot, or and form as shall be directed by any of the By-laws or otherwise; Regulations of our said Corporation, elect and choose to elect thirthirteen of their members, qualified as aforesaid, to be teen Governors. Governors, or whensoever the number of Governors for life, then resident at Montreal, shall be under thirteen, then such an addition shall be made to the number, so to be elected Governors, as to make the whole number The number thereof (those so resident inclusive) twenty-six, which of Governors, inclu-Members of the Society and Corporation, so qualified ding those and elected, shal be Governors of our said Hospital and to be less Corporation for the ensuing year, and with the President than twenty-

Out of the Covernors, a President and Vice-President to be chosen. The Governors to enter upon their offices imand remain one year, or till others be chosen in their stead. In case of the death, removal, refusal, or neglect of officers. others to be chosen in their stead by the Governors, within thirty days after such contingency.

Every officer, before he can act, must take an oath for the faithful discharge of his duties.

The President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, may summon the Governors to meet,

and Vice-President, by them appointed, shall immediate ly enter upon their respective offices and duties, and hold, exercise, and enjoy the same respectively, from the time of such elections and appointments, for and during the space of one year, and until other fit persons shall be elected and appointed in their respective places according to the Laws and Regulations aforesaid; and in case any of the said persons so elected, and appointed to the respective offices above said, or who shall be hereafter elected and appointed thereto, shall die, or be removed from such offices respectively, before the time of their respective appointed services shall be expired, or refuse or neglect to act in and execute the office for which he or they shall be so elected and appointed, then our Royal will and pleasure is, and We do hereby, direct, ordain and require, that the other Governors of our said Corporation shall appoint a member or members thereof, duly qualified, in the place and stead of him or them so dving, removed or refusing or neglecting to act, within thirty days next after such contingency, who shall serve until, the first Tuesday in May next following: and we do hereby will and direct, that this method shall for ever after be used for filling up all vacancies in the said offices between the annual elections above directed; and our will and pleasure is, and we do hereby, for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, direct, ordain and require that every President, Vice-President, Governor, Treasurer and Secretary of our said Corporation, to be elected and appointed by virtue of these presents, shall, before they act in their respective offices take an oath, to be to them administered by the President or Vice-President of our said Corporation for the time being or of the preceding year (who are hereby severally authorized to administer the same), for the faithful and due execution of their respective offices during their continuance in the same respectively; and further, our Royal will and pleasure is, and We do hereby for Us, our Heirs and Successors, ordain and appoint, and give and grant to the said Society of the Montreal General Hospital, that the President for the said Corporation for the time being, and in case of a vacancy in the said office, or in case of his sickness or absence, the Vice-President shall, and may from time to time, as occasion may require, summon, and call together, at such places, within our said City of Montreal, as by any By-Law shall be appointed for such meetings, and on such day and hours as the President or Vice-President shall respectively think proper, the Governors of the said Corporation and

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Hospital for the time being, giving them at the least giving at least one one day's notice thereof; and We do hereby require them day's notice. to meet accordingly, and give, grant, ordain that any seven, or more, of the Governors of our said Corpora- seven of the tion, being so convened together, of whom the President, Governors, of whom the or in case of a vacancy in the said office, or the sick- President or ness or absence of the President, the Vice-President dent always for the time being shall always be one, shall, for ever to be one, shall constihereafter, be a legal meeting of the said Corporation, tute a and they, or the major part of them so met, shall quorum; have full power and authority to adjourn from day to have power day, or for any other time, as the business of our said to adjourn, and Corporation may require; and to do, execute, transact, transact the manage, and perform in the name of our said Corporation, all and every act and thing whatsoever, which our ation, said Corporation are, or shall, by virtue of these our Letters Patent, be authorized to do, transact, manage, and perform, in as full and ample manner, as if all and every the Governors and Members of the said Corporation were present and consenting thereto; saving and except the excepting always, the electing of Governors, unless upon vacancies, as aforesaid, happening in the intermediate period between general elections; and also saving, between and excepting the giving, granting, selling, or otherwise general elecaliening any of the estate, real or personal, of our said except Corporation, and the leasing, demising, or disposing of fanting and the lands, tenements, hereditaments, real or mixed for a longer estate, of our said Corporation, for any longer time than one year; our Royal will and pleasure being, that no part hone of the thereof be so sold, leased, or in any wise aliened for any longer term or time, but by and with the concurrence of the resistant of t and approbation of the majority of the whole number of the consent the Governors of our said Corporation, for the time being, first obtained at any legal meeting of the same; and further, We do, hereby, for us, our Heirs, and Successors, The Governors. ordain, and appoint, and give, and grant, to the said nors in legal "Society of the Montreal General Hospital," that at any may, such legal meeting of any seven or more of the Governors of our said Corporation, of whom the President or Vice-President, for the time being, shall always be one, it shall and may be lawful for them, in writing under the common Seal of our said Corporation, to make, under the establish, and ordain, from time to time, and at all times Corporahereafter, such By-Laws, Regulations, and Statutes, for tion, make by-laws, the better government of the Officers, Members, and Servants of the said Corporation, and of the Patients. from time to time, admitted into the said Hospital; for and for fix-fixing and ascertaining the place of meeting of our said and times of

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To alter and repeal the by-laws, provided such laws be not contrary to the Charter, or the Province.

and affairs of our said Corporation, as they, or the major part of them, so legally met, shall judge best for the general good of the said Corporation, and profitable for promoting the charitable and beneficial designs of the said Corporation; and the same or any of them, to alter, amend, or repeal, from time to time, as they, or the major part of them, so met as aforesaid, shall judge most conducive to the benefit of the said charity; provided such Laws, Regulations, and Statutes, be not repugnant hereto, or to the Laws of this our Province of Lower Canada; and We do further will, and grant, that the said Governors for the time being, or any seven or more of them legally met as aforesaid, of whom the President, or Vice-President for the time, shall always be one, shall have the full and sole power and authority for ever after, by the majority of their voices, from time to time, yearly, To nominate and every year, to nominate such and so many Physicians, Surgeons, and Apothecaries, as they shall judge necessary to attend to the said Hospital, and the sick and diseased patients, from time to time, admitted therein; and to appoint and designate the respective powers, authorities, business, trusts, and attendances of the said

Physicians, Surgeons, Apothecaries;

to appoint their duties;

to appoint a Steward, and a Matron, and other servants, and

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other servants and attendants upon the said Hospital, with their respective powers, authorities, business, trusts and attendances, with the allowances that shall be their wages; found necessary from time to time, to be made and paid to any of the persons above said for their attendance and services respectively in the said Hospital; and to displace and discharge any Steward, Matron, Nurse, servant, and attendant, from the service thereof, and to nominate and appoint other, or others, in their places or stead; and We do further grant and ordain, that when, and as often, as any President, Vice-President, Governor, Treasurer, Secretary, Physician, Surgeon, or Apothecary, of the said Corporation, shall become unfit or incapable to execute their said offices respectively, or shall misdemean themselves in their said offices respectively, contrary to their duty, and to any of the By-Laws and Regulations of our said Corporation, or refuse or neglect the execution thereof, and thereupon a charge or complaint in writing shall be exhibited against him, or them, by any

member of our said Corporation, at any legal meeting of

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the Governors thereof, as aforesaid, that it shall, and may be lawful for the President, or Vice-President, and Governors, or the major part of them then met, or at any ther Legal meeting of the said Corporation, from time to time, and upon examination and sufficient proof, may, upon to suspend or discharge such President, Vice-President, Sufficient Governor, Treasurer, Secretary, Physician, Surgeon, or discharged Apothecary, from their offices respectively, although the office, yearly, or other time of their respective services shall not be expired, anything in these presents before contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding; provided al- but not ways, that none of the said Officers so complained against consent of a be suspended or discharged at any meeting, without the majority of concurrence and approbation of the majority of the whole number of the Governors of the said Corporation, nor without having a copy of the complaint or charge against him at least six days before such examination, being heard and an opportunity to be fully heard in his defence. in his de-And our will and pleasure further is, that the said Governors of the said Corporation and Hospital shall, from time to time, when thereunto required by the Governor, When re-Lieutenant-Governor or Person administering the Go-the Governor of Person administering the Go-the Governor vernment of our Province of Lower Canada, give an nor, &c. of the Proaccount, in writing, of the several sums of money by vince, the them received and expended, by virtue of these presents are to renor any authority hereby given, and of the management, der an acapplication, and disposition of the revenues, donations count of the moneys reand charities aforesaid, to such person or persons as the ceived and expended. said Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Person administering the Government, shall from time to time, appoint to receive and audit the said accounts: And further, We do, by these presents, for Us, our Heirs and Successors, give and grant unto the said "Society of the Montreal General Hospital," and their successors for ever, that this our present Charter shall be deemed, The Charter adjudged and construed, in all cases, favorably, and for strued in fathe benefit and advantage of our said Corporation, and vor of the society; for promoting the good of this charitable Institution; and this our present grant being entered of Record, as is and on being hereinafter expressed, shall be, for ever hereafter, good and effectual in the Law, according to our Royal intent shall be effectual in and meaning hereinbefore declared; and without any law. other licence, grant or confirmation from Us, our Heirs or Successors hereinafter by the said Corporation to be had or obtained, notwithstanding any misrecitals, not naming, or misnaming, of any of the aforesaid Offices, Franchises, Privileges, Immunities, or other the Premises, or any of them; and although no writ of ad quod

damnum, or other writs, inquisitions, or precepts, has been, upon this occasion, had, made, issued or prosecuted, any statute, act, ordinance or provision, or other matter and thing, to the contrary thereof notwithstanding: provided further, and Our will and pleasure is, that the said Society and Corporation of the Montreal General Hospital is hereby constituted, made, erected and created with the express reservation and condition that our Letters Patent relating thereto may be hereafter altered and amended in such manner and form, and with such additions, diminutions, extensions and explanations as our Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering the Government of our Province of Lower Canada. by and with the advice and consent of our Executive Council of our said Province, shall judge best for the general good of the said Corporation, and for the more effectually promoting the charitable and beneficial designs of the said Society, according to the true intent

May be altered and amended, as the Governor, &c.,

with the advice of the Executive Council, shall judge for the good of the Society.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our Province to be hereunto affixed, and the same to be entered of record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province of Lower Canada, in one of the books of Patents there remaining.

and meaning of the contributors thereto.

WITNESS our Right Trusty and Well Beloved Cousin, George, Earl of Dalhousie, our Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over our said Province of Lower Canada, at our Castle of St. Lewis, in our City of Quebec, by and with the advice and consent of our Executive Council for our said Province of Lower Canada, the thirtieth day of January, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, and of our Reign the Fourth.

(Signed,) Ls. Montizambert, D., Acting Provincial Sec. G.

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# GOVERNORS FOR LIFE ARE.

All in the preceding list who have contributed to the funds of the Hospital £25 or upwards.

The Hon. John Richardson, President; JOHN MOLSON, Vice-President; SAMUEL GERRARD, Treasurer; ALEXANDER SKAKEL, Secretary.

# GOVERNORS ELECTED FOR THE YEAR 1823.

Thomas Busby, The Rev. John Bethune, Charles Bancroft. The Rev. Henry Esson, Adam L. McNider, Samuel Gale, Henry Corse, Andrew Shaw, Abner Bagg, Pierre de Rocheblave, Charles Brooke. Joseph Shuter, Jabez D. DeWitt,

# COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

John Try, Alex. Skakel, Chairman; Joseph Shuter. Hy. McKenzie, Secretary; Henry Corse,

#### MEDICAL OFFICERS.

Henry P. Lædel, William Robertson, John Stevenson, William Caldwell, William Lyons. Andrew F. Holmes,

### BUILDING COMMITTEE.

The Hon. John Richardson, Chairman, William Robertson, John Molson, Tohn Try, David Ross, Alexander Skakel. The Rev. John Bethune,

# FORM of a LEGACY to the Society of the Montreal General Hospital.

ITEM, I give and bequeath to The Society of the Montreal General Hospital, incorporated by Royal Charter, the sum of , to be paid out of my ready money, or other personal property, and to be applied towards carrying on the charitable purpose for which the said Society was Incorporated.

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